



# NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg, Acting Omaha Police Chief Alex Hayes, and Mickey Leadingham, Omaha's Resident Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:** For being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm on January 27, 2009, LeRoy Bell, Jr. was sentenced by the Honorable Laurie Smith Camp, United States District Judge, to serve 52 months in prison, which will be followed by a 3 year term of Supervised Release, and to pay a \$100 Special Assessment.

On January 27, 2009, Omaha Police observed a vehicle southbound on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street fail to signal its turn onto eastbound Miami Street. During the stop, Officers noticed a rear passenger, Bell, reaching for his left pocket. Bell had a loaded 9mm pistol in his left pocket. Bell was prohibited from possessing firearms because he was convicted in 2008 of Possession of Crack Cocaine and in 2005 of Attempted Delivery of a Controlled Substance.

**Name of Defendant:** LeRoy Bell, Jr.

**AKA:** Leroy Junior Bell, Leroy-Jr Bell, Leroy Bell, Jr., Leroy Junior Bell, Lee Dexter E. Bell

**Age:** 42

**City of Residence:** Omaha

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty** (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Felon in Possession of a Firearm carries not more than 10 years in prison, not more than a \$250,000 fine, not more than 3 yrs term of Supervised Release, and a \$100 Special Assessment.

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:** 42<sup>nd</sup> and Miami, Omaha

**Location of Arrest:** 42<sup>nd</sup> and Miami, Omaha

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:** n/a

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:** n/a

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** January 27, 2009

**Federal Arrest Date:** May 4, 2009

**Date Complaint Issued:** n/a

**Indictment Returned Date:** April 22, 2009

**Initial Appearance Date:** May 6, 2009

**Plea Date(s):** July 20, 2009

**Sentencing Date:** October 5, 2009

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** n/a

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** Hon. F. A. Gossett

**Held without Bond:** Since May 6, 2009

**Released from Custody:** January 29, 2009 until May 4, 2009

**In Continuous Custody Since:** May 4, 2009

**Assigned District Court Judge:** Hon. Laurie Smith Camp

**Initials of Assigned AUSA/Preparer of THIS Release:** MDW